

## CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

CGCSA's annual meeting was held May 16 and 17 at the San Luis Bay Inn, Avila Beach. About 50 superintendents from the entire state attended, most with wives or friends as well. Al Glaze and Mike McCraw, of the Central Cal Assoc., provided an excellent program and, as usual, the staff at the Inn took good care of all of us. Those are some very nice people up there.

It probably hasn't been made very clear in the past, but CGCSA is an actual state-wide association of the golf course superintendents in California, and all our A & B members of GCSASC are also members of CGCSA. You don't pay any dues and don't elect board members because the board is made up of members appointed to serve from each regional association. Our representatives to CGCSA's board are Mike Heacock and Reed Yenny, with Bill Gallegos as our alternate. Each regional association has two members on the state board.

CGCSA is a descendant of the old Federation of Calif. Supt. Associations, which foundered some years ago on the rocks of personality conflict. We're trying very hard to avoid that sort of mistake this time, and so far so good.

There are any number of reasons why a statewide association makes sense, not the least of which is to better represent the golf course maintenance and construction industry in our many dealings with California regulatory agencies. Another prominent goal of the Association is to give California some more leverage with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America: the California chapter would be one of the vary largest voting blocks to participate in GCSAA's annual elections. Having that voting strength encourages the officers and candidates of GCSAA to consider our point of view in matters affecting us, which they have always been at liberty to disregard in the past. This doesn't necessarily mean we are about to "reform" GCSAA, or seize control, or anything else - simply that we can now attract some official interest in our point of view.

In the last two national elections the state voted as a block. All the votes from the five California regional chapters were cast by one delegate, who was selected by means of a caucus of the voting delegates and alternates from each chapter. In the next election, we anticipate that the California Association will carry all our votes as a voting chapter of GCSAA, which it currently is not. We need a current, formal set of bylaws and formal affiliation with GCSAA in order to make the California Association a voting chapter. As a first step in accomplishing that goal, CGCSA's board agreed at Avila Beach to formally organize with officers, create such bylaws as may be necessary, and apply for affiliation with GCSAA. Approval of this move is still required from each of the regional association boards - if you oppose the idea, let your board members of GCSASC know about it.

The officers elected at Avila Beach were:

President:	Mike Heacock, GCSASC
Vice President:	Bob Ford, GCSA of Northern California
Secretary:	Mike McCraw, Central California GCSA
Treasurer:	Bill Baker, San Diego GCSA

The president appointed a bylaws committee consisting of four members, who will report to the full board of CGCSA at its next meeting August 1, 1982. Application for affiliation as a voting chapter in GCSAA will be made early in the fall if approvals from the regional chapters are secured as expected. If not, the general meetings of the state association will continue to be held, as they have been very successful, and we'll continue to vote in GCSAA elections as an informal block unless that practice is successfully challenged by some other state or regional association.

Aside from the "politics", there was an outstanding educational meeting for the members in attendance at Avila Beach. Both sides of the Peripheral Canal question were represented by speakers; Jerry Peppin of International Seed Co. gave a complete presentation on grass seed growing and processing in Oregon; and a Cal Poly SLO soils professor gave an interesting talk on soil and water problems that applied to many of us. Capping the day was the incredible "Santa Maria Style Bar-B-Que" on the patio overlooking the bay. If you've never had Santa Maria Style Bar-B-Que, be sure not to die until you do . . . you've missed a real treat. The secret is real oak smoke, which smoe of our members in the San Fernando Valley might be able to duplicate.

Next year's meeting will be a Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon, rather than at San Luis Bay Inn. After three years at the Inn, Al Glaze felt someone else was entitled to the fun of putting this meeting on, and Dave Fleming graciously accepted the honors. Put it on your calendar for the end of May, 1983. It's your association.

The above article was written by Editor Mike Heacock of the Divot News Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California

Tim Sedgley adds that Jim Ross and Bob Ford are GCSA of Northern California representatives. There will be a special by-laws meeting on August 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Los Altos Golf & Country Club, Los Altos

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